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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

Mr. Dornan:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 10 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedbergman in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$45.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$48.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Fritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Bushley, who headed a Delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable
Robert E. Dornan,
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of security in the national election about this issue, we have been in contact with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the subject of terrorism in Pakistan this winter. Such a conference would be a forum in purpose, but would have the effect of drawing world attention on the responsibility of the United States for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Murphy
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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It seems to me that the need to maintain a national conscience about this issue, in connection with the Government of Finland, is an international concern as the situation is becoming this wider. Such a concern is a factor in purpose, but would have the effect of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chappell:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Sam Frishevodet in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1960 the United States government provided \$43.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$53 million. This will include \$46.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

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The Honorable
Bill Chappell, Jr.,
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been in contact with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the subject sometime this winter. Such a conference would be a humanitarian in purpose, but would have the effect of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the United Nations for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Crane:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

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The Honorable
Phil Crane,
House of Representatives.

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Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

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The Honorable
George Hansen,
House of Representatives.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520



Dear Mr. Hunter:

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the situation in the State of Palestine, I am pleased to inform you that the Department is currently reviewing the matter.

The Department is currently reviewing the matter and will provide a response as soon as possible.

In the meantime, the Department is working to improve the situation in the State of Palestine and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

During the past few weeks, the Department has been in contact with the United Nations Relief and Works Administration (UNRWA) regarding the situation in the State of Palestine. The UNRWA is currently providing relief to the refugees in the State of Palestine and is working to improve their living conditions. The Department is currently reviewing the situation and will provide a response as soon as possible.

The Honorable
Duncan L. Hunter,
House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

Dear Mr. LeBoutillier:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$22.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$43.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$1 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

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The Honorable
John LeBoutillier,
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been working with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the Asian subcontinent sometime this winter. Such a conference would be non-partisan in purpose, but would have the effect of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Sullivan
Assistant Secretary
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, D.C. 20520
June 24, 1981

Dear Mr. McDonald:

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The Honorable
Larry McDonald,
House of Representatives.

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Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Parris:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 16 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

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The Honorable
Stan Parris,
House of Representatives

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20520
June 24, 1981

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Dear Mr. Pease:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

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The Honorable
Donald J. Pease,
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, on 6/12/81, in consultation with the Government of Pakistan, I am planning to convene an international conference on the situation in Kashmir sometime this winter. Such a conference would be non-partisan in purpose, but would have the effect of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,


Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Pritchard:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

Because of your own subsequent visit to Pakistan in conjunction with the assessment team lead by Sam Devery there is no need to review for you the very high priority which we have given to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. You will be pleased to hear that we have just announced an additional pledge (subject to Congressional review) of \$45.2 million for the Afghan program, bringing our total contribution for 1981 to \$93 million. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been consulting with the Government of Pakistan concerning the feasibility of an international conference on the Afghanistan problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

We greatly appreciate the personal attention and energy which you have devoted to this problem. The time which you took from your busy schedule to visit the refugee camps in April testifies to your deep concern.

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The Honorable
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, D.C. 20520
June 24, 1981

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Dear Mr. Ritter:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 12 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Fairbanks in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

Because of your own subsequent visit to Pakistan in conjunction with the assessment team last May, there is no need to review for you the high priority which we have given to assessing the needs of the Afghan refugees and the impact of this on an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. You have pledged (subject to Congressional approval) to provide for the Afghan program, bringing our total commitment for 1981 to \$93 million. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on relations last week, made it a point to not only inspect the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary
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The Honorable
Donald L. Ritter,
House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Dear Senator Symms:

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The Honorable
Steve Symms,
United States Senate

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Dear Senator Zorinsky:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$43.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable
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